

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ARKANSAS STATE
BOARD OF HEALTH TO DISCUSS AN APPOINTMENT TO THE MIDWIFE
ADVISORY BOARD**

April 7, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Catherine Tapp, MPH (via phone)
James Zini, D.O. (via phone)

GUESTS PRESENT

Elizabeth Pitman, Deputy General Counsel
Leslie Lovett, Board of Health Liaison
Sharon Ashcraft, Section Chief, Women's Health

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

The special meeting of the Subcommittee of the Arkansas State Board of Health was held Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in the 5th Floor Briefing Room of the Arkansas Department of Health in Little Rock, Arkansas. Members participating by conference call were Catherine Tapp, MPH and James Zini, D.O. The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Ms. Ashcraft stated that the Board of Health is responsible for appointing members to this Board, for terms of at least 3 years. Members may serve 2 consecutive terms. The Lay Midwife Advisory Board is composed of four (4) Lay Midwives, one (1) Certified Nurse Midwife, one (1) Physician currently practicing obstetrics, and three (3) consumers of midwifery service.

Ms. Ashcraft asked the Subcommittee of the Board to approve the appointment of Ida Darragh and to recommend that appointment to the full Board. She stated that the applicant received the approval and support by a majority vote of the Midwife Advisory Board on February 25, 2015. The applicant has the approval and support of the Center for Health Advancement, Family Health Branch and Women's Health Section.

A motion to recommend Ms. Darragh's appointment to the full Board was made by Ms. Tapp.

There was no further business to report and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James Zini, D.O.
Chairman